

In reports from General Funston, as well as by stories reaching the Brazilian legation in Mexico City, it is held by the United States to be contrary to the rules of civilized warfare.

The three mediators, through the State Department, to-day announced that the Lobos Island incident had been cleared up. They informed General Huerta that the Mexicans were free to return to the Lobos Island light-house.

The six South Americans reported to have been arrested for spying, turned out to be Mexicans, it was reported today, and like others arrested at Vera Cruz, were discharged. They had claimed they were South Americans to escape punishment.

#### PRESIDENT AND CABINET

**IN MORE HOPEFUL MOOD**

On the whole, President Wilson and his Cabinet seem to take a more favorable view of the Mexican situation than they had for weeks. They are confident mediation will accomplish something toward the peaceful settlement of the problem. The Constitutionalists' capture of Tampico brought out the fact that there is no prohibition against the shipment of arms into that port from the United States or any other country.

Secretary Garrison to-day, for the first time, revealed the nature of his recent secret hunting on shipments of arms across the international border. He said it was a departmental order, and did not affect shipments through seaports. The President did not issue a proclamation restoring the general embargo on arms, but it was believed that the prohibition would be carried out by the navy as well as the army.

Unless the President issues a new proclamation, or the Navy Department takes action similar to the War Department, the Constitutionalists can get all the munitions of war they wish through Tampico.

According to Secretary Garrison's explanation of the situation, complete restoration of the embargo on arms, since the President brief it to all facts in Mexico last March, followed Carranza's note to the Washington government, and was interpreted to mean that he might join Huerta, and was to prevent arms going over the border to either nation.

#### INTERESTING QUESTIONS

##### IF PORT IS BLOCKADED

The secretary to-day admitted that many interesting questions might arise if Huerta proclaimed a blockade of Tampico, but suggested that, according to precedent, a blockade established by government nor recognized probably would be disregarded by those who did not extend recognition.

The main body of the Mexican Federal garrisons, ten thousand men, was not believed at the department to forecast a blockade, but that the naval command communication with Mexico City through Puerto Mexico for further orders.

American destroyers have been watching the gunboats, according to Secretary Daniels, merely as a precaution to see that no injury is done to the transports or American refugees en route.

Not only the American government's explanation of the Lobos Island Incident, but the unofficial explanation here to the effect that no Mexican ports are closed so far as the American government is concerned, has emphasized the position which the United States has repeatedly maintained—that no state of war has existed, and that the seizure of Vera Cruz was an act of reprisal for offenses committed against the United States.

The fact that Mexican officials still refuse clearance to American ships at some ports, in spite of Huerta's order revoking previous orders, was supposed to be due to lack of communication.

The South American diplomats paid their farewell call on President Wilson early in the day before they received the request from the Huerta delegates for a postponement of the conference. One of the Huerta delegates, Augustin Rodriguez, is well advanced in years, and it is said to be largely on his account that the party will stay a day or two here.

#### BURNS MAY BE FATAL

Eugene Cates Is Terribly Burned by Blazing Oil From Overturned Lamp.

Eugene Cates, of 110 Lloyd Avenue, owner of a shoe repairing shop at 1413 West Main Street, was burned, probably fatally, last night at 9 o'clock when his clothing caught fire on an overturned lamp in his shop. One side of his face was terribly burned, and at the Virginia Hospital, where he was taken after emergency treatment was administered by Dr. M. L. Little Jr., of the city ambulance, it was stated early this morning that his chances for recovery were slight.

The fire which resulted from the overturned lamp, was slight and was extinguished without the aid of the fire apparatus. Just how the accident occurred is not known. The burning oil, however, dashed over Cates and was burning when police here ran to his assistance. One of the first persons to arrive was Dr. Deane of the Medical College of Virginia, who aided the injured man until the arrival of the city ambulance.

**Steerage Passenger Ill.**

New York, May 15.—The steamer *Lorraine*, which had been sent to Liverpool was held at Quarantine for a short time on account of the illness of one of the steerage passengers. The patient was removed to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and fifty-five of the passengers from the same compartment were removed to Hoffman Island.

#### OBITUARY

**Funeral of Mrs. Alice Pettit Johnson.**

The funeral of Mrs. Alice Pettit Johnson, wife of Conway C. Johnson, 1413 Park Avenue, will be held on Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at her home, 120 West Clay Street. The service will take place tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock from St. Peter's Church.

**George Mountain Morris.**

Washington, May 15.—The Times-Dispatch reported yesterday that George Mountain Morris, a well-known citizen of Beacon Hill, Boston, died on Friday night, aged about sixty years. Two daughters, Mrs. Will Smith and Mrs. Victoria Morris survive, also one brother, Noah Morris, and four sisters. Mrs. Sarah Morris, Mrs. Charles Herring, Mrs. Jane Keyton and Mrs. Polly Ann Bouche. His widow is a member of the Christian church. Burial was on Sunday in the Isaac Morris old home burying ground.

#### DEATHS

**YAGER—Died, suddenly, May 14, 1914, at 5:30 o'clock, in Campton, N. Y., Mr. GEORGE A. YAGER, of the Allen-Valley leaves the world in peace and several brothers and sisters. The remains will arrive in Richmond for burial.**

**MEREDITH—Died, at his residence 701 West Clay, at 12:15 o'clock Friday May 15, 1914, JAMES A. MEREDITH, son of the late Edward and Katherine Meredith.**

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FULL TICKET IS NAMED IN LYNCHBURG PRIMARY

Total Vote of 4,055 Is Cast, Many Democrats Balloted in Opposition.

Speciale to The Times-Dispatch.

Lynchburg, Va., May 15.—More real interest was shown in the municipal primary here to-day than had been seen in a Democratic primary in Lynchburg in a decade, and a full ticket was nominated for half of each branch of the City Council for the regular election to be held June 9. At yesterday's election these nominees will be succeeded by a full Socialist ticket, which already has a name.

The total vote was 1,055, many Democrats finding during the primaries that they had failed to qualify last December by the payment of their corporation taxes. The successful candidates are:

First Ward—For Common Council, John W. Woodson and E. E. Menefee; Board of Education, John D. Ogleby.

Second Ward—For Common Council, Edward F. Sheffer, W. V. Vining and John L. Baker; Board of Aldermen, William King and Dr. John W. Carroll.

Third Ward—For Common Council, Thomas J. Williams and E. Goodman; Board of Aldermen, Dr. James Morrison.

MEXICAN PEACE ENVOYS HAVE NOTHING TO SAY

Jacksonville, Fla., May 15.—"We are Mexicans, and have the honor of Mexico are ours to our hearts. We have nothing to say now. After we have been in this country a few days we may have something to say."

This was the statement here to-day of Rodriguez, an agent of the Constitutional government, one of the commissioners sent by President Huerta to represent the national conference of the northern republic. It was the second time given to an inquiry as to whether the commissioners had decided on a policy.

Senor Rodriguez and Emilio Bahena, the two other commissioners, together with a party of relatives, arrived here yesterday and were in two special cars attached to a Florida East Coast Railway train. There were here by Speelman H. Shanks, a representative of the American State Department.

The party remained here only long enough for their special cars to be transferred to the Florida Coast Line train bound for Washington.

What was said that they wished to make plain to the commissioners was made absolutely no statement outlining their policy.

**Hotel Astor Rooms Engaged.**

Speciale to The Times-Dispatch.

New York, May 15.—The Huerta delegates to the peace conference at Niagara Falls, Seniors Emilio Bahena, Rodriguez and Luis Elizalde, have engaged the whole ground floor of the seventh floor at the Hotel Astor, one of the managers of the Hotel Astor, when asked about the expenses.

These figures are smaller than generally think. You can figure about \$5 a day per person for rooms; that would make a total of \$75 to \$100 a day, a sum which will be fifteen to twenty people in the party.

**Adkins Resigns.**

Washington, May 15.—José C. Adkins, assistant Attorney-General, who presented him with trust suits resigned to-day to practice law here.

**Ryan Leaves for Washington.**

New York, May 15.—Mr. Edward Ryan, who arrived here yesterday after having been imprisoned in Mexico, to-day, was shot as a spy, left for Washington to-night.

**Military Officer Killed.**

Sobatipol, Russia, May 15.—The military officer, Zmiedkura, fell from a helicopter during a flight to-day and was killed.

**Communication Opened.**

Washington, May 15.—The Constitutionalists at Tampico have opened communication with that port and the United States, telegraphing to the Navy Department to-night from Admiral Mayo. The dispatch did not give details, but officials here said that the line had been opened to Tampico.

Constitutionalists, it was said, expect to operate a train system from the border to Monterrey.

**Gambots Pass Vera Cruz.**

Vera Cruz, May 15.—The gunboats Zambrano and Bravo, which abandoned their stations at Tampico when the Federal evacuated that city, passed Vera Cruz to-day. The gunboats, the torpedo-boats put in here, but the small cruiser Chester was detached from the fleet to keep the gunboats in sight and to land at Progreso when the Zambrano and Bravo put in there.

#### RICHMOND REFUGE OF ACCUSED WOMAN

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with an open door between were Sheriff Wash and Deputy Sheriff Trice, who slept by turns; but their faces were drawn and haggard to-day, and long traces under their eyes showed that they had not slept well.

Mrs. Hall appeared as fresh as the morning itself. She was dressed in breakfast, and was seemingly unconscious of the hundred glances fastened upon her. Had it not been that the atmosphere was dense and armed men moved restlessly to and fro just outside the dining-room, that one would have suspected that the earnest among them all was a prisoner, charged with murder.

Shortly after finishing her breakfast, Mrs. Hall, accompanied by her parents-in-law and her brother, crossed the street to the courthouse where they went into conference with Mr. Gordon.

Some of the members of the grand jury were late in arriving, and it was nearly 10:30 o'clock when the indictment was returned. A few moments before, the courthouse bell had tolled mournfully, announcing that the court was open, and the crowd moved across the courthouse green.

Detectives and officers walked in from the shade of the trees, in the moment the grand jury was in session.

**CROWD IS SURPRISED**

**BY HER HUSBAND'S SIDE**

Mrs. Chewning is alleged to have testified that Miss Wood told her when she got down into the store on the morning of the murder that she found Mrs. Hall kneeling by her husband.

Miss Wood, the story goes, asked Mrs. Hall what she was doing, and the woman looked up and said, "I am giving him something that will make him forget what has just happened." She had a bottle of ammonia in her hands.

It was a month ago this morning that W. R. Dunkum's store was utterly destroyed by fire, and three hours later that Victor Hall was shot and killed.

Officers followed Dr. Harry W. Porter to the scene, and for a time worked on the burglar theory as advanced by Mrs. Hall in explanation of her husband's death.

With a self-possession that both startled and surprised the crowd, Mrs. Hall, followed by the three who have never lost their loyalty, walked slowly into the room and took her place at the bar. Adjusting a widow's veil, she sat at her lawyer, and then glanced indifferently at the starting people.

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